

Child Care Facility Guidance FAQ's – July 22, 2021

MASKING

What's the difference between age 2 and age 5 for the masking recommendation?

The CDC recommends masking for everyone unvaccinated above 2 years of age due to a breathing and safety issue for those less than 2 years of age. The public health order of Virginia is for 5 years and older and that is because sometimes you have 5-year-olds in kindergarten. The public health order is only meant for K-12 students but could apply to 5-year-olds in a daycare setting in that school.

What is the masking recommendation for outside?

Masks are recommended outside only if social distance cannot be maintained.

What is the mask requirement for staff members in childcare settings?

It is not required but is strongly recommended.

Do children need to wear mask while swimming?

No, they should not wear them while swimming. Swimming with a mask is a safety hazard.

If a family of kids are playing together do they wear a mask for indoor home daycare?

If they are the only kids in the daycare then they do not have to wear a mask because they live in the same household. If you have children in one facility or home from different families, they would wear a mask.

If all adults are vaccinated and we have a universal masking policy, is it safe to resume school indoors?

Yes. The recommendation is for childcare and schools to be in person.

What age do children in a day care home wear masks?

Age 2 years and older.

Please highlight what has actually changed as far as protocol. This info seems to be the same from 18 mo. ago (except the difference between mask wearing and when).

The only change is that masks are recommended but no longer required.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Are there recommendations for group size?

There are no longer recommendations for group size. Maintain as much social distancing as possible.

What is the physical distancing recommendation when masks are removed while eating?

The recommendation is 6 feet. Schools have been given the alternative of 3 feet in a classroom setting but 6 feet is still recommended in the cafeteria since eating is a higher risk activity.

EXPOSURE, QUARANTINE, AND NOTIFICATION

If a child has covid or is exposed to covid in class, but has a sibling in another class, do both classes need to be notified of the outbreak?

No. You would only notify the class with the case. If the sibling were to test positive for COVID-19, then you would notify the sibling's class as well.

If a child gets ill, they also walk through the hallway entries and playground. Shouldn't you notify everyone?

The CDC definition of exposure to a case is spending 15 minutes within 6 feet. Transient exposure (walking by someone) is not considered exposure to a case.

Who do we send notification letters to?

Notification letters should only be sent to the parents of those children who were potentially exposed. For example, if the child of staff member was only in one classroom, the notification should go just to the parents of children in that classroom. However, if the child or staff member is spending time in multiple classrooms during the infectious period, all classrooms would need to be notified.

If a child has travelled internationally, are they required to quarantine before coming back to school. If so, how many days.

A 10-day quarantine is recommended for individuals who are unvaccinated and have travelled internationally but it is not required.

If a vaccinated person tests positive, do they need to quarantine for 10 days just like an unvaccinated person would?

Yes. Their isolation would be 10 days from the date of their positive test.

Does a vaccinated teacher need to quarantine if they are a close contact of case?

If they are fully vaccinated, they do not need to quarantine. They should monitor themselves for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

EXAMEN Y MEDICAL CLEARANCE ALTA MEDICA

What if a staff member tells you they are COVID-19 positive but never provide test result?

¿Qué pasa si un miembro del personal le dice que es positivo para el COVID-19 pero nunca le proporciona el resultado del examen?

All health departments in Northern Virginia provide clearance letters and exclusion letters. Employers can request that their employees provide these letters.

Todos los departamentos de salud en el norte de Virginia proporcionan cartas de alta médica y cartas de exclusión. Los empleadores pueden solicitar que sus empleados proporcionen estas cartas.

Vaccinated with runny nose-need clearance or testing?

¿Vacunado con secreción nasal, necesita alta médica o examen?

Yes. Testing or medical clearance is recommended for **new and unexplained** symptoms including a runny nose as this is a symptom of COVID-19. If the symptoms are expected due to a preexisting health issue such as allergies, then you do not need clearance.

Si. Se recomiendan un examen o una alta médica para síntomas **nuevos e inexplicables**, incluida la secreción nasal, ya que eso es un síntoma de COVID-19

If a child appears with these symptoms, we recommend to the parents they all get tested no matter the age?

Si un niño aparece con esos síntomas, ¿Recomendamos a los padres que todos se hagan la prueba sin importar la edad?

They should get either medical clearance from a doctor or a COVID-19 test.

Deben obtener una alta médica de un médico o un examen de COVID-19.

Is medical clearance from a doctor as good as a covid test to return to daycare?

¿La alta médica de un médico es tan buena como un examen de covid para regresar a la guardería?

Yes. It is recommended that you get this in writing.

Si. Se recomienda que obtenga eso por escrito.

OTHER

OTRO

When does the public health order expire?

¿Cuándo expira la orden de salud pública?

July 25th. It is possible that this could be extended but this is unknown at this point.

El 25 de julio. Es posible que eso se pueda extender, pero se desconoce en este momento.

What percent of children are vaccinated in Fairfax County?

¿Qué porcentaje de niños están vacunados en el condado de Fairfax?

About 71% of children ages 12 – 17 are vaccinated with at least one dose in Fairfax Health District.

Aproximadamente el 71% de los niños de 12 a 17 años están vacunados con al menos una dosis en el Distrito de Salud de Fairfax.

Can we have show and tell? ¿Podemos mostrar y repetir/explicar?

Yes, please wash any shared toys and use proper hand hygiene.

Sí, por favor lave los juguetes compartidos y use una higiene de manos adecuada.

Should we restrict parents from entering the classroom at drop off and pick up?

¿Debemos restringir que los padres entren al salón de clases para dejar y recoger al niño?

This is ultimately up to the childcare provider. If social distancing can be maintained while entering the facility or home, then it is not contraindicated. Masks are strongly recommended in that setting.

En última instancia, esto depende del proveedor de cuidado infantil. Si el distanciamiento social se puede mantener al ingresar a la instalación o al hogar, entonces no está contraindicado. Es muy recomendable utilizar máscaras en ese entorno.

When hiring, can I ask if someone is vaccinated?

Al contratar, ¿puedo preguntar si alguien está vacunado?

Yes.

Si.

If a staff member does not get vaccinated, can I fire them?

Si un miembro del personal no se vacuna, ¿puedo despedirlo?

Please consult with your HR on this issue as this is a decision that should be made by your facility.

Consulte con su departamento de recursos humanos sobre ese tema, ya que esa es una decisión que debe tomar su centro.

Are we allowed to ask for proof of vaccination?

¿Podemos pedir prueba de vacunación?

Yes.

Si.

Visitors in classrooms?

Visitantes en las aulas?

Having visitors in the classrooms is not encouraged. Social distancing and masking is recommended if visitors attend.

No se recomienda tener visitantes en las aulas. Se recomienda el distanciamiento social y el uso de máscaras si los visitantes asisten.

How about water parks?

¿Y que hay acerca de los parques acuáticos?

The chlorine in pools is very effective at killing COVID-19. Social distancing is recommended. Masks are not recommended while swimming.

El cloro en las piscinas es muy efectivo para matar al COVID-19. Se recomienda el distanciamiento social. No se recomiendan máscaras al nadar.

Can sensory tables be used in the classroom?

¿Se pueden utilizar las mesas sensoriales en el aula?

Yes, as long as they are maintaining social distancing.

Sí, siempre que mantengan el distanciamiento social.

What should I do when a parent/child avoids being vaccinated?

¿Qué debo hacer cuando un padre/niño evita ser vacunado?

Each facility should define their own policy regarding preferences for vaccination status of participants.

Cada establecimiento debe definir su propia política con respecto a las preferencias del estado de vacunación de los participantes.

If we work within a larger organization that is not yet permitting departments (including us) to require vaccinations, is there any regulations that we can use to be an exception?

Si trabajamos dentro de una organización más grande que aún no permite que los departamentos (incluyéndonos) requieran vacunas, ¿hay alguna reglamentación que podamos utilizar como excepción?

Not that we are aware of.

No que seamos conscientes. No que sepamos.

What is the prevalence of the delta variant in FFX county?

¿Cuál es la prevalencia de la variante delta en el condado de Fairfax?

This specific number is currently unknown. We do know that it is the most prevalent strain of variant in Virginia.

Ese número específico se desconoce actualmente. Sabemos que es la cepa de la variante más prevalente en Virginia.

When a child or staff member travels domestically, do they need to quarantine?

Cuando un niño o un miembro del personal viaja dentro del país, ¿deben ponerse en cuarentena?

No, quarantine is not recommended for domestic travel.

No, la cuarentena no se recomienda para viajes dentro del país domésticos.

Define outbreak.

Defina brote.

An outbreak is more than one case.

Un brote es más de un caso.